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St. Francis Fraternity
Hackensack, NJ



6:30 PM
Church Hall
Enter on
Holt Street

★ FRATERNITY GATHERING IN THE CHURCH HALL ★
On Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 6:30 PM

This Month: Articles 10 and 11 of our Rule
(You will need the white booklet.)

This month we have a very special privilege which was postponed from last month.
We will close our gathering with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Please bring your copy of Evening Prayer handy (pp 5-8).
If necessary, call a Council member for an excused absence and pray Evening Prayer at home.

Please see page 4 for information about upcoming projects and events

Leader Evening Prayer: Vivian (See pp. 5-8) Please choose a reader.
Closing Prayer: Domenica

Volunteer to share about your Patron Saint: Dawn—Bl. Jacopa dei Settesole

Sweet Reminder: Dawn (Jacopa's almond cookies)

Clean up Helpers: Vivian and Alicia

Health and Welfare: Polanco fam.; Pat Franz; Harry Henky; Angie Mariniello; Anthony Vasile;
Cono Spinelli & Fam.; Iris Campillo; Ed Atwood

Special Intentions: Tumminia family; P. Moclair; D. Menditto

Family Members: Stefani Pedone, Sara Tripodi, Ryan L.; Kathleen McGee (Harry's daughter),
Cheyenne Travers; Jan Parker; Rosa Daddario (Pam's mom); Angela Panuccio;
James McSweeney; John Casale; Frances Caruso (Domenica's niece); Ken Farkas;
Vincenzo Demaio; Maria Rosaria & family; Filomena Savoia; Cathy Champon; Robert Callahan;
Anna Panuccio



Apostolate of Prayer: Please pray for those on the PRAYER LIST and for their intentions.

Statue of Our Lady: April: Angie; May: Josephine; June: Mimma LoMuscio; July: Teresa;

August: Dawn; September: Domenica; October: Tony; November: Alicia; December: Rosellina

BIRTHDAYS: April 28: Dawn Farkas; May: 10th Teresa Iozzia; 23rd Mimma LoMuscio

Correspondence:

Calendar:

April 15th: NOTE DATE CHANGE DUE TO HOLY THURSDAY--Fraternity Book Club on Zoom at 7PM
Chapter 10 *Breath of God*

May gathering: Ceremony of Welcoming: Alicia and John

Brunch: June 1, 2025--Guest speaker: Rocco Mazza of the Bergen Hearts Program. Tickets will be
available at this month's gathering.

June Gathering: Fraternity elections



**If we ever need
Zoom again, this is
the info.**

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83123553178?pwd=Fqdt1HM1mYJbunRE6mYGEPQRanCF5t.1>

**Meeting ID: 831
2355 3178**
Passcode: 989176



Phone in
(646) 876-9923
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Apostolate of Prayer list April 2025
For the health and wellbeing of our members and families
Please keep our Seekers, and Candidate in your prayers

Holy Father's Prayer intentions for April: For the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Dianne Ambrose	Jean Garofalo (Marie)	NFC	Tau Cross Region (all ints.)
Fr. Bill Arlia, OFM Cap	Genaro and Alicia	OLA Region	Cheyenne Travers
Aspirants, Inquirers & Cands	Carol Gentile	OLGEA prayer line ints. & REC	Eileen Travers
Ed Atwood	GEORGE FAMILY INTS.	PAGE FAMILY INTENTIONS	Kara Travers
Beacon friars	Fr. Giles	Padre Pio Friary friars	Silvio & Rachel Travia Family.
Zoila Blacio	Linda & Tim Griffith	Padre Pio Pr. Grps. Int.	Sara Tripodi
Pete Blake.	Carlos & Rosa Guerrero	Marie Palazzone	Maria Trovini
BLESSING BOARD INTS.	Flora Hand	Fr. Christopher Panagopolis, TOR	Ukraine (all intentions)
BOYCE FAMILY INTS.	Hank's intentions	Angela Panuccio	USA
BROS. & SISTS. OF PRAYER	Elaine Hedtke	Anna Panuccio	Anthony Vasile
Ralph Calise (Linda)	Harry Henry & Rosemarie	Helen Parciasepe	Marie Vasta (All intentions)
Pat Cantelmo	Ralph & Frances Henry.	Jan Parker	Victims of abuse
John Casale	Holy Name Resp. Care Dept.	Paul and Sean (sp. int.)	Victims of fires, floods, storms
Josephine Cavallo (family)	The Homeless & the Lonely	PEACE	Victims of gun violence
CIOFS Formation Secretariat	Hospital Intentions	Serafina & Stefani Pedone	Victims of terrorism
Cathy Champion	Hurr, flood, fire, and earthq vics	Fr. Robert Pérez, OFM Cap.	Victims of violence & hatred
Church in Nicaragua	Immigrant & refugee children	Perú	Viv and hub
Lucille Clapps	IPRAY INTENTIONS	POOR CLARE prayer list	Vocations
Colleen.	Iraqi and Coptic Christians	John and Marianne Previty	Bill & Carmel Watson Fam.
Madge Cooke	Ryan L.	PRIESTS, FRIARS & SISTERS	Carol Wickersheim
Coralee	Lapsed OFS members	PUBLIC FIGURES	Fr. Robert Williams, OFM Cap
Joe Coralluzzo's ints.	Muriel Lechenbusch	Q committee	Anna Z's sp. intentions
Steven Cornfield	Peggy Ledger	REC	
Ronnie Crispino	Alice LeForest	Regina Pacis (all ints.)	
Denise Cubita	Bro. Lombardo (sp. Int.)	Region sp. Int.	
Sara (Rosa) Daddario (Pam)	Madge (Sp. intention)	Ada Rivera's intentions	
May D'Arminio	Carl Magnifico (Kathy and fam.)	RJ (family)	
Deacon Joe's group int.	Dcn. Joe Mantineo (Misty)	Roman Catholic Church	
Deceased family members	Sr. Margaret	Maddie Romaine	
Vincenzo Demaio	Angie Mariniello	Maria Rosario (family).	
Eleanor DeRiso	Maria Rosaria (and fam.)	Madeline Rousseau	
Anne DeRose (Joan and Jane)	Elide Marino	Baby Sam.	
Disa (family)	Tom Mason (Vickie)	Josephine Savino	
Mark Diverio	Hank Meditz (Liz)	Filomena Savoia	
Sue Diverio	Fr. Meena (Sp. Int)	San Damiano Frat. Ints.	
Divine Mercy Fraternity Ints.	Charity Menditto and fam	Fred Schaeffer, OFS	
Dolores's Intentions	Diane Menditto (sp. Int.)	Pat Serotkin	
Dorota	Michael M.	Peggy Southwell	
Douglas and Edmaris	Middle Eastern Christians	Frank Spina	
Earthquake victims	MILITARY: LIVING & DECEASED	St. Anne's Frat. Ints.	
Trish Endweiss	Ministry of Caring	St. Francis Youth	
Bro. Alex Escalera, OFM Cap.	Misty's ints.	St. Anthony of Padua Frat Intents	
FB friends/followers	Pat Moclair (Sp. Int.)	St. Joan of Arc OFS Region	
Karen Ferrari (sp. ints.)	MOG lapsed and excused	St. John Vianney frat.	
Maria Ficken	Jeanette Mortorano	St. Jos. Maint. Dept.	
Bob Fitzsimmons (Patty)	Mother Seton Grp. Ints.	St. Thomas More Frat. ints.	
Flora's intentions	Bill and Anne Mulqueen	Lucy Stamilla	
Pope Francis	Nan	Stigmata Provincial Council & friars	
Pat Franz	Nancy	Mary Stronach (Bob)	
FRAZZA FAMILY INTS.	NEC	Tara Suplicki	
Judy G.	NEC intentions	Megan Swords	
Gabriél	Fr. Nick (sp. Int.)	Syrian Christians and churches	



Ongoing Formation for April

Rule Chapter 2: Articles 10-11 (Alessandra will lead the discussion.)

Please read Chapter 2: Articles 10-11 in your white Rule booklets.
Please have your booklets with you at our gathering.

Then read the commentary below. (Or in your white booklets. Please mark portions that stand out to you.)

Article 10:

+Re-read article 10 of the Rule in your white booklet:

COMMENTARY: The first phase of evangelizing shows how the Secular Franciscans live in this world (Articles.10–12). Those who go “from gospel to life” have simple living (10–12), ...

Simple living begins with the choice to unite with Christ so intensely that one is willing to share even his passion: the burdens of hardship and pain within oneself or from outside sources.

--DISCUSSION: What are the “circumstances” of your life?

- How does the fulfillment of your responsibilities reflect your relationship with Jesus?
- How can you simplify your life so that living the gospel becomes possible?

Article 11:

+Re-read article 11 of the Rule in your white booklet:

COMMENTARY: Simple living also takes shape (11) by reducing material needs, by curbing a thirst for possessions and the domineering power that comes from ownership, and by using all God’s gifts in a spirit of generosity, justice, and moderation. Gospel poverty for Secular Franciscans, then consists in acquiring possessions justly, keeping needs to a minimum, and using what they have as custodians for the generous benefit of others. In this way they live for the kingdom of God and not for this world, according to the charter for happiness given in the “Beatitudes.”

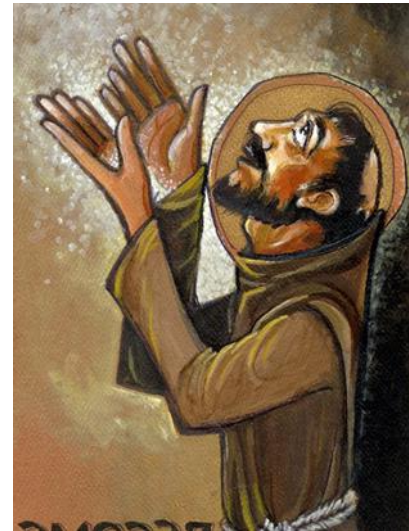
--DISCUSSION: Reflect on “gospel poverty.”

- How can you live in moderation? (Not only possessions, but attitudes and relationships with others.)
- What do you think the “spirit of the Beatitudes” means?

Quotes taken from:

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The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order



Artist--Sister Victoria Masil of
Franciscan Sisters of Christian
Charity

*“...purify their
hearts from every
tendency and
yearning for
possession and
power.”*

(OFS Rule Article 11)

For Your Information

- This month Dawn will share a little about **Bl. Jacopa dei Settesole** **Domenica will share in May. (All months are now taken.)**
- **You may contribute to the 2025 Fair Share at any time.** Remember, Fair Share is not dues—it is a **share** in the support of our fraternity and the higher fraternities. Therefore, according to your means, please donate a full share, a partial share, or even more than one share. (**See Article 25 of our Rule.**)
- **Book Club: April 15th: PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE DUE TO HOLY THURSDAY.** on Zoom at 7PM—Book Club members will be sent the Zoom link. We will discuss **Chapter 10 of the Breath of God**
- **Ceremony of Introduction and Welcoming:** We will officially welcome Alicia and John at our May gathering. This marks their entry into the time of discernment called Inquiry.
- **Brunch June 1st** Our guest speaker will be Rocco Mazza who heads up the Bergen County Hearts Program. (We donate gifts to the children in the program every Christmas. Rocco will fill us in on the work being done there.) Tickets are still \$25 per person and **will go on sale at our April gathering.**
- **Fraternity Elections:** will be held at our June gathering. Nominations are now open. We hope to have a full slate. Please think of how you can serve our fraternity. Also, **every professed member** should be in attendance on the night of the election to make up the voting quorum. **Mark June 12th on your calendar today!**

Treasurer's Report

<u>Common Fund</u>	<u>Good & Welfare</u>	<u>Fair Share</u>
Balance forward: \$ 2842.60	Previous balance: \$ 6.75	We have submitted our
Income: 114.00*	Fraternity Donations 13.00	Fair Share for 2024. We did not reach
Expenses \$ - 0.00	New balance: \$ 19.75	our goal since everyone did not
Ending Balance \$ 2956.60		contribute. However, we were still
*Fair share contributions and donations		responsible for sending \$1,080
		to the region.
		For 2025-26 our goal will be based on
		23 professed + 1 Candidate
		23 x \$45=\$1,035.00

You may begin donating toward 2025 Fair Share at any time! (See Rosellina)

Evening Prayer April 10, 2025, Thursday, Fifth Week of Lent

LEADER: God, + come to my assistance. **ALL:** – Lord, make haste to help me.

LEADER : Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

ALL: – as it was in the beginning, is now, will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN: Here I am Lord (sing together)

<p>I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save</p> <p>I, who made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?</p>	<p>[Chorus] Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night I will go, Lord, if you lead me I will hold your people in my heart</p>
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LEADER: Ant. 1 I cried to you, Lord, and you healed me; I will praise you for ever.

Psalm 30

Side I

Side II

<p>I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me * and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.</p>	<p>O Lord, I cried to you for help * and you, my God, have healed me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, * restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.</p>
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<p>Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, * give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favor through life. * At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.</p>	<p>I said to myself in my good fortune: * “Nothing will ever disturb me.” Your favor had set me on a mountain fastness, * then you hid your face and I was put to confusion.</p>
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<p>To you, Lord, I cried, * to my God I made appeal: “What profit would my death be, my going to the grave? * Can dust give you praise or proclaim your truth?”</p>	<p>The Lord listened and had pity. * The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, * you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy. So my soul sings psalms to you unceasingly. * O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.</p>
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<p>Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:</p>	<p>as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.</p>
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LEADER: Psalm Prayer: God our Father, glorious in giving life, and even more glorious in restoring it, when his last night on earth came, your Son shed tears of blood, but dawn brought incomparable gladness. Do not turn away from us, or we shall fall back into dust, but rather turn our mourning into joy by raising us up with Christ.

ALL: I cried to you, Lord, and you healed me; I will praise you for ever.

LEADER: Ant. 2 The one who is sinless in the eyes of God is blessed indeed

Psalm 32

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II

<p>Happy the man whose offense is forgiven, * whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord † imputes no guilt, * in whose spirit is no guile.</p>	<p>I kept it secret and my frame was wasted. * I groaned all the day long for night and day your hand * was heavy upon me. Indeed, my strength was dried up * as by the summer's heat.</p>
<p>But now I have acknowledged my sins; * my guilt I did not hide. I said: "I will confess * my offense to the Lord." And you, Lord, have forgiven * the guilt of my sin.</p>	<p>So let every good man pray to you * in the time of need. The floods of water may reach high * but him they shall not reach. You are my hiding place, O Lord; † you save me from distress. * You surround me with cries of deliverance.</p>
<p>I will instruct you and teach you * the way you should go; I will give you counsel * with my eye upon you.</p>	<p>Be not like horse and mule, unintelligent, † needing bridle and bit, * else they will not approach you. Many sorrows has the wicked † but he who trusts in the Lord, * loving mercy surrounds him.</p>
<p>Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, * exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, * all you upright of heart.</p>	<p>Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:</p>
<p>as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.</p>	

LEADER: Psalm Prayer: You desired, Lord, to keep from us your indignation and so did not spare Jesus Christ, who was wounded for our sins. We are your prodigal children, but confessing our sins we come back to you. Embrace us that we may rejoice in your mercy together with Christ your beloved Son.

ALL: The one who is sinless in the eyes of God is blessed indeed.

LEADER: Ant. 3 The Father has given Christ all power, honor and kingship; all people will obey him.

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II

<p>We praise you, the Lord God Almighty, * who is and who was. You have assumed your great power, * you have begun your reign.</p>	<p>The nations have raged in anger, * but then came your day of wrath and the moment to judge the dead: * the time to reward your servants the prophets and the holy ones who revere you, * the great and the small alike.</p>
<p>Now have salvation and power come, † the reign of our God and the authority * of his Anointed One. For the accuser of our brothers is cast out, * who night and day accused them before God.</p>	<p>They defeated him by the blood of the Lamb † and by the word of their testimony; * love for life did not deter them from death. So rejoice, you heavens, * and you that dwell therein!</p>
<p>Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *</p>	<p>as it was in the beginning, is now, *</p>

and to the Holy Spirit:

and will be for ever. Amen.

ALL: The Father has given Christ all power, honor and kingship; all people will obey him.

READER: **READING:** Hebrews 13:12-15

Jesus died outside the gate, to sanctify the people by his own blood. Let us go out to him outside the camp bearing the insult which he bore. From here we have no lasting city; we are seeking one which is to come. Through him let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips which acknowledge his name.

RESPONSORY

READER: To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.	ALL: – To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.
READER: Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you	ALL: – I make my prayer for mercy.
READER: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.	ALL: To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.

GOSPEL CANTICLE Canticle of Mary Luke 1:46-55 The soul rejoices in the Lord

LEADER: Ant. You are not yet fifty years old; how can you have seen Abraham? In very truth I tell you, before Abraham was, I AM.

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My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, † my spirit rejoices in God my Savior * for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.	From this day all generations will call me blessed: † the Almighty has done great things for me, * and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.	He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.	He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel * for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children for ever.	Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.	

ALL: You are not yet fifty years old; how can you have seen Abraham? In very truth I tell you, before Abraham was, I AM.

INTERCESSIONS

LEADER: Christ the Lord gave us a new commandment, of love for each other. Let us pray to him:

ALL: *Lord, build up your people in love.*

READER: Good Master, teach us to love you in our neighbor. **ALL:** and in serving them to serve you.

READER: On the cross you asked pardon for your executioners, **ALL:** give us strength to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.

READER: Through the mystery of your body and blood, deepen our love, our perseverance and our trust, **ALL:** strengthen the weak, console the sorrowful, and give hope to the dying.

READER: Light of the world, you gave light to the man born blind when he had washed in the pool of Siloam, **ALL:** enlighten catechumens through the water of baptism and the word of life.

READER: Give to the dead the perfect joy of your eternal love, **All:** and number us also among your chosen ones.

LEADER: LET US JOIN NOW IN PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

LEADER: CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord,
come to us:
free us from the stain of our sins.
Help us to remain faithful to a holy way of life,
and guide us to the inheritance you have promised.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
— Amen.

ALL: May the Lord + bless
us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting
life.
— Amen.